# **Tunnel Options Study**

September 26, 2017





#### Study Purpose and Goals

- Initiated to address impacts resulting from cut-andcover construction
- Goals:
  - Minimize surface disruption and socio-economic impacts
  - Reduce cut-and-cover tunnel extent
  - Identify feasible mined tunnel construction methods for further study
  - Identify major infrastructure constraints



#### Study Participants

- TJPA
- SFCTA
- CHSRA / WSP
- Caltrain (briefed)
- SFMTA

- AECOM
- Brierley Associates
- Parsons
- McMillen Jacobs
- Mott MacDonald
- EPC



#### Study Timeline



**Study Initiated/Preliminary Analysis** April 25 – May 30

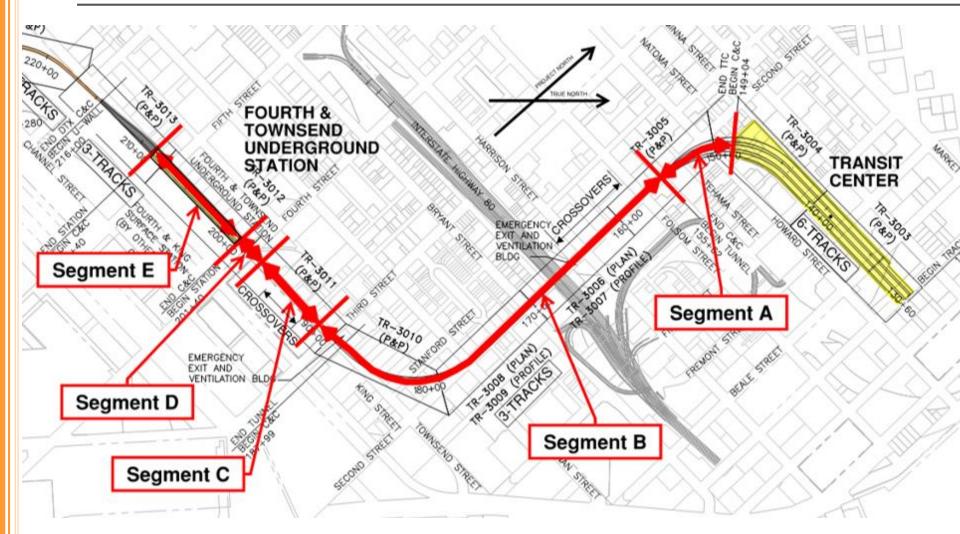
**Analysis/Coordination with Tunneling Experts** May 30 - July 27

Reporting/Cost, Schedule & Risk Assessment July 27 - September 8

**Presentation of Preliminary Findings to SFCTA** September 26



## **Tunnel Option Extents**





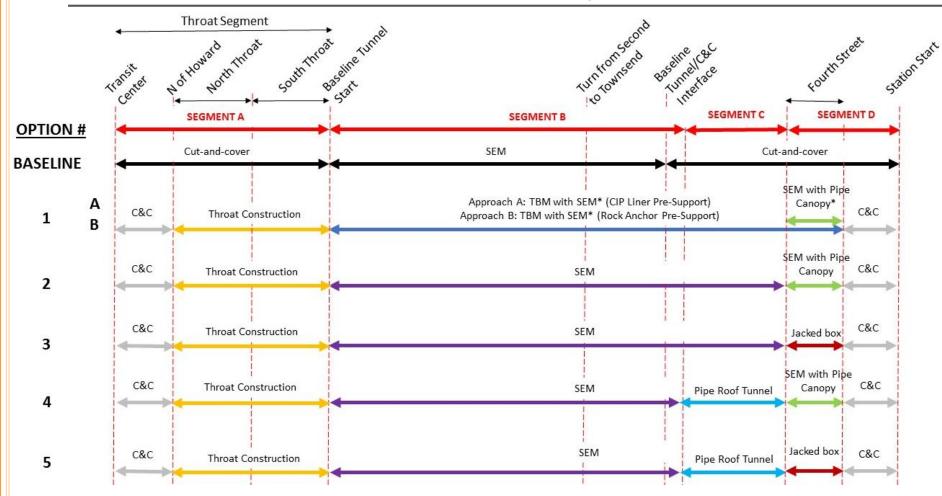
#### Tunneling Methods Considered

- Pipe arch without presupport walls
- Stacked drift pre-support side walls without vertical pier supports
- Precast roof beam method
- Single 3-track tunnel boring machine (TBM)
- 2-track TBM with singletrack TBM

- Jacked box
- Pipe arch between micro-TBM pilot tunnels
- Pipe roof tunnel
- Sequential excavation method (SEM)
- Twin bore TBM with SEM
- Pipe canopy



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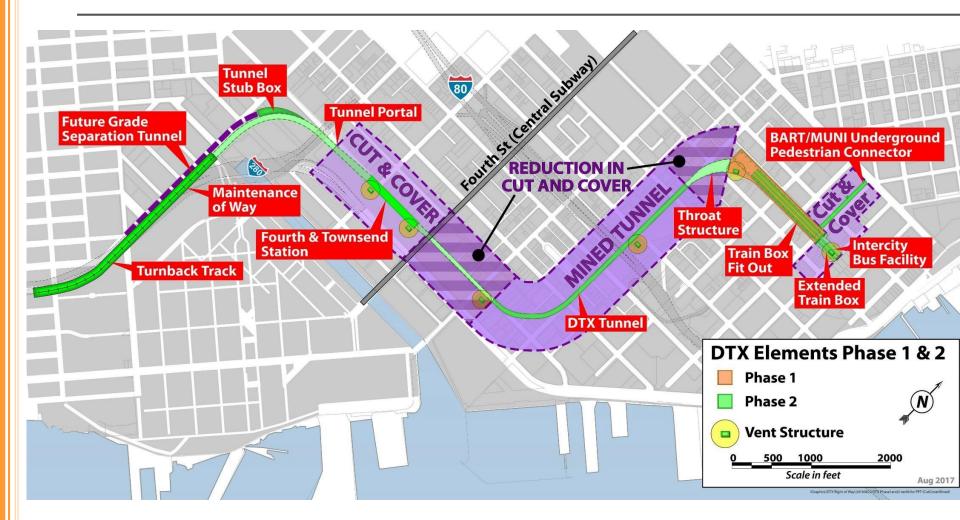


#### Preliminary Findings

- Cut-and-cover on Townsend Street can be eliminated up to the east end of the Fourth and Townsend Street Station at a reasonable cost.
- Proposed tunneling options can be accomplished without significant impacts to the project schedule.
- Reducing cut-and-cover at the Throat Structure (located at Second & Howard Sts) is feasible, but costly.
- Impacts to Central Subway will be minor and can be mitigated.
- The Fourth and Townsend Street Station will be constructed using cut-and-cover construction.



#### Baseline vs. Reduction





#### Next Steps

- Further develop mined Howard Street crossing to balance the surface disruption and cost for the Throat Structure
- Refine the constructability and schedule for the options
- Confirm ventilation requirements
- Review configuration of the TBM + SEM tunneling option





# **Questions?**

